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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO SIAD BARRE

REF: (A) MOGADISCIO 598; (B) STATE 72239; (C) STATE 72859;
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1. AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION SECRETARY HAS DECIDED THAT WE CANNOT RPT NOT ALLOW DELETION OF THE PHRASE "EXISTING INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED". WE UNDERSTAND SIAD BARRE'S DIFFICULT POLITICAL PROBLEMS BUT WE ALSO HAVE REQUIREMENTS WHICH WE CANNOT SUBJECT TO AMBIGUITY.

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SUGGESTED SUBSTITUTION OF "ANY OTHER COUNTRY" FOR "ANY OF ITS NEIGHBORS". IN TRANSMITTING U.S. POSITION TO SIAD BARRE, YOU MAY USE FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS WHICH ARE DESIGNED ALSO TO BE USEFUL TO BARRE WITH HIS COUNCIL.

A. THE USG IS FULLY CONSCIOUS OF AND SYMPATHETIC TO THE CONCERNS OF THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE FOR THE

RIGHTS AND WELFARE OF THOSE SOMALIS LIVING OUTSIDE THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC. THE USG UNDERSTANDS AND SYMPATHIZES WITH THE FEELING OF THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE THAT HISTORY HAS BEEN UNJUST TO THEM.

B. THE USG WISHES TO ASSIST SOMALIA TO ACHIEVE A DEGREE OF SECURITY WHICH WILL ENABLE IT TO DEVOTE ITS ENERGIES TO TASKS OF DEVELOPMENT. THE USG IS ALSO ANXIOUS TO PARTICIPATE WITH ITS HUMAN AND MATERIAL RESOURCES IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESSES IN SOMALIA.

C. THERE IS ONLY ONE BAR TO SUCH COOPERATION. THE USG MUST BE CONVINCED THAT, IN ASSOCIATING ITSELF MORE CLOSELY WITH SOMALIA IN BOTH THE ECONOMIC AND, PARTICULARLY, THE MILITARY FIELDS, IT IS CERTAIN THAT IT WILL NOT BECOME AN UNWILLING PARTNER TO AN ATTEMPT BY SOMALIA TO ALTER EXISTING BORDERS BY FORCE. NEITHER THE US NOR ANY OTHER REASONABLE NATION COULD OBJECT TO ALTERATION OF BORDERS BY PEACEFUL AND LEGAL MEANS, AS THE SOMALI CONSTITUTION ITSELF SPECIFIED AT INDEPENDENCE. BUT AS SOMALIA HAS BEEN FORCED TO RECOGNIZE BY RECENT EXPERIENCE, EVEN WHEN A SUBSTANTIAL PART OF THE WORLD IS SYMPATHETIC TOWARD SOMALIA, THAT SYMPATHY DOES NOT EXTEND TO FORCEFUL ALTERATION OF BORDERS.

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E. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO AVOID THE FACT THAT THE CONCEPT OF GREATER SOMALIA, WHICH WAS ENSHRINED IN YOUR CONSTITUTION, INCLUDES AREAS WHICH FALL WITHIN THE INTERNATIONALLY-RECOGNIZED TERRITORY OF OTHER STATES. ANY FORMULATION FOR SOMALI ASSURANCES WHICH APPEARS TO LEAVE ROOM FOR INTERPRETATION AS APPLYING TO THE CONCEPT OF GREATER SOMALIA WILL ONLY DEEPEN THE SUSPICIONS AND CONCERNS OF SOMALIA'S NEIGHBORS WHO ARE MOST IMMEDIATELY AFFECTED.

F. SOMALIA'S NEIGHBORS KNOW THAT WE ARE AWARE OF THE PROBLEM. IT IS LIKELY THAT THESE OTHER STATES WILL ASK US WHY WE DID NOT PROPOSE A FORMULATION WHICH WOULD ELIMINATE THE POSSIBILITY OF DOUBT. SIMILAR QUESTIONS MAY ALSO BE RAISED BY THE AMERICAN PUBLIC OR IN OUR CONGRESS.

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